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business being transacted. As many days of this meeting as are necessary will be reserved for the official business of which notice has been given. As regards more days, I shall consider the matter very carefully in consultation with the hon. the Leader of the House."

IX

MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

The hon. the PRESIDENT then conveyed to the Council the following Message from His Excellency the Governor regarding the manner in which certain communications are made by him to the Council:—

Message.

'With reference to Standing Order 69 of the Standing Orders of the Madras Legislative Council which recites two ways in which communications are made by the Governor to the Council, I desire it to be understood that the two ways mentioned in the rule are not exhaustive, and that I propose to continue the practice followed during the past three years in this Council, and which is common to similar Assemblies in other parts of the Empire, under which a less formal means of communication is adopted when the occasion is suitable. In particular, I propose to pursue the practice hitherto adopted under which my recommendation in relation to a proposal for the appropriation of provincial revenues is communicated through a Member of my Government.

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X

ELECTION OF TWELVE MEMBERS TO THE SENATE.

The hon. the PRESIDENT then announced the names of the twelve Members elected as Members of the Senate from the non-official Members of the Council:—

1. Rao Bahadur O. Tanikachala Chettiyar.
2. Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddi.
3. ,, A. Ramaswami Mudaliyar.
4. Dr. P. Subbarayan.
5. Rao Sahib U. Rama Rao.
6. Mr. S. Arpudaswami Udayar.
7. Mr. B. Muniswami Nayudu.
8. Rao Bahadur C. Natesa Mudaliyar.
9. Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar.
10. ,, P. T. Rajan.
11. ,, C. Gopala Menon.
12. Khan Bahadur Haji Abdulla Haji Qasim Sahib Bahadur.

XI

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COUNCIL.

(1)

The SECRETARY laid on the table * copies of—

(i) the order of His Excellency the Governor, published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* as notification No. 108, dated 18th December 1923, appointing M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur Lewis Dominic Swamikannu Pillai Avargal, C.I.E., I.S.O., as President of the Legislative Council;

(ii) the order of His Excellency the Governor, published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* as notification No. 109, dated 18th December 1923, appointing M.R.Ry. Rasipur Varatha Krishna Ayyar Avargal, B.A., M.L., as Secretary to the Legislative Council;

(iii) the order of His Excellency the Governor, published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* as notification No. 4, dated 17th January 1924, appointing M.R.Ry. Colattur Satagopa Achariyar Avargal, B.A., as Assistant Secretary to the Legislative Council.

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(*d*) From a report received from the Chairman, dated 1st December, it appears that the public of Cowl Bazaar have been prohibited by the District Magistrate from taking water from the Fort ditch. The Government are enquiring into the matter.

(*e*) The Government have no definite information; but the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, has reported that there may be great scarcity of water during the next six months.

Water-supply to Patha Cuddapah tank.

131 Q.—Rai Bahadur T. M. Narasimhacharlu: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the water-supply to Patha Cuddapah tank from the Cuddapah-Kurnool canal has considerably diminished owing to the Ukkayapalli project and that this decrease is causing great hardship to the ryots under the said tank;

(*b*) whether the Government intend to take early steps to ensure a sufficient supply to the tank by widening the water course in the canal or taking such other necessary steps as would give sufficient supply to the tank; and

(*c*) whether the Government will enquire into the matter?

A.—The answer is in the negative. During the execution of the Ukkayapalli project, the supply channel to the Patha Cuddapah tank was widened to suit the increased ayacut brought in by the project. It is understood that after the execution of the project the supply to the tank has improved and the area irrigated under it has increased appreciably.

TRUTH ALONE TRIUMPHS

Water convenience in Mulluvadi, Salem district.

132 Q.—Mr. R. Veerian: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the members of the depressed classes suffer very much for want of a water tap in their locality alongside the public road in Mulluvadi, Salem, and

(*b*) why no steps have been taken by the Salem Municipal Council to provide a water tap for the depressed classes in a suitable place in Mulluvadi, Salem?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information.

Mr. R. Veerian:—"Will the Government be pleased to call for the information."

The hon. the Raja of Panagal:—"Yes."

Weights and Measures.

Weights and measures in Coimbatore municipality.

133 Q.—Mr. R. Veerian: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that defective measures, scales and weights are being allowed in the markets, bazaars and shops in the Coimbatore municipality; and